(b) if so, when and what are its recommendations;

(c) who were the members of the working group and what were the terms of reference of the group;

(d) what was the information, background material and data provided, to the group;

(e) whether the information in regard to substitutes of doubtful validity was provided to the group; if not, the reasons thereof;

(f) why Government have allowed the release of canalised drugs from STC and import of bulk drugs for the manufacture of these formulation when it was known that the Companies do not have the requisite permission for manufacture; and

(g) whether permits were checked before the grant of price approval; and if not, what were the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In its report submitted in April, 1984, the Working Group was of the view that it would not be desirable to order, across the board stoppage of all formulations being manufactured with industrial approvals of doubtful validity. Working Group also recommended selective regularisation of these products.

(c) The following were the members of the Working Group:—

1. Joint Secretary (Drugs)	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
2. Joint Secretary & Development Commissioner (Drugs)	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
3. Adviser (Drugs)	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
4. Drug Controller (India)	D G H.S.
5. Joint Secretary	Department of Industrial Development.
6. Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser	Department of Legal Affairs.
7. Industrial Adviser	D.G.T.D.

The Working Group was constituted with a view to examine the problem of production of drugs with industrial approvals of doubtful validity and to suggest the possible lines of action that may be taken and the procedure to be followed.

(d) and (e) All the relevant information available with the Government was considered by the Working Group.

(f) In view of the large number of formulations, Government felt that the whole question should be considered in totality rather than production being curtailed.

(g) Approvals for formulation prices are issued subject to the condition that manufacturers fulfil the recommendations under Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Industries (Development and Regulation) Act.

Sales turn over of drug companies

2234. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sales turnover of formuluations based on imported bulk drugs of Boots, Sandoz, Bayer, Glaxo, Merck Sharp and Dhome, Wyeth, Cyanamide, Ciba Giegy during the last three years, year-wise and what is the percentage of each to total sales turn over of formulations of each;

(b) how many products fall under category III and IV of price Control Order 1979 along with the name of product category-wise;

(c) what was the price of each formulation during 1979 and what was the price on the 30th June, 1985;

(d) whether any of the company started production of bulk drug on which these formulations are based;

(e) if so, name of the company and drug;

(f) why no action was taken against these companies in 1981 when it was mandatory to produce the bulk drugs indigenously; and

(g) what was the net profit of each during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (g) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Research Projects

2235. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director General of Technical Development has decided to support some research projects jointly with industries;

(b) if so, what are the main features of this special programme; and

(c) whether the research laboratories and Universities in the country will be associated with these projects as experts or consultants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) A proposal has been under consideration of the Technical Policy Implementation Committee for setting up a National Industrial R&D Funding Facility/Industrial Research Fund for the financing of R&D projects, with which Director General, Technical Development will also be associated. A final decision in this regard has, however, yet to be taken by the Government.

Acting Chief Justices of High Courts

2236. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) which of the High Courts are functioning under Acting Chief Justices and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when they will be replaced by permanent Chief Justices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As on 14-8-1985, the following 3 High Courts are functioning under acting Chief Justices as the offices of Chief Justices are vacant:—

High Court:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Gauhati
3. Sikkim

The matter regarding appointment of regular Chief Justices in these High Courts is engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with the authorities specified in Articles 217 and 222 of the Constitution. It is not possible to indicate when appointments of permanent Chief Justices will be made in these High Courts.

Paper Mills

2237. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made recently on the financial position of different large integrated paper mills in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the paper mills facing financial problems;